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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : William Bakker, et al.

For: : **SHRINKING FILM ONTO AN OPEN
TOPPED CONTAINER**

Serial Number : 09/977,374

Appeal No. : 2001-0266

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Group Art Unit : 1772

Examiner : W. Watkins III

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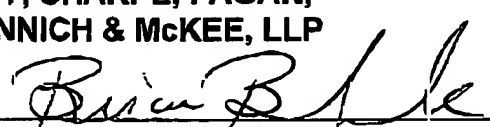
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL AND CANCEL ORAL PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request withdraw of the appeal based on the filing of a CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION under 37 CFR 1.53(d) filed herewith. A copy of transmittal letter to the United States Patent and Trademark Office is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION REQUEST
TRANSMITTAL LETTER (37 C.F.R. 1.53(d))

Prior application: **08/977,374**
 Inventors: **Bakker, et al.**
 Examiner: **W. Watkins III**
 Art Unit: **1772**
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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This is a request for filing a **CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION** under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior **U.S. Application Serial No. 08/977,374**, filed **August 19, 1996** (still pending), which is a continuation of **U.S. Application Serial No. 08/089,462** filed **July 12, 1993** (now U.S. Patent No. 5,511,360), which is a continuation of **U.S. Application Serial No. 07,873,844** filed **April 27, 1992** (now U.S. Patent No. 5,249,410).

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☒ The above identified application in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the specification, drawings, and oath or declaration, as the basic papers for the new application.

☒ The filing fee is calculated below. These fees are based on the numbered claims of the prior application.

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	11 - 20 =	-0-	[] \$09 SMALL	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	-0-	[] \$42 SMALL	-0-
BASIC FEE:			SMALL ENTITY	\$355.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE	\$355.00

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- ☒ Applicants claim small entity status.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.
- ☒ Priority of pending of pending prior application U.S. Serial No. **08/977,374**, filed **August 19, 1996** (still pending), which is, a continuation of U.S. Serial No. **08/089,462** filed **July 12, 1993** (now U.S. Patent No. 5,511,360), which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. **07,873,844** filed **April 27, 1992** (now U.S. Patent No. 5,249,410).
- ☒ Applicants respectfully request consideration of the arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief filed August 21, 2000, Supplemental Appeal Brief filed May 10, 2000, and Reply Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.193 filed April 7, 2000.
- ☒ Applicants respectfully request a personal interview with the Examiner prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits.
- ☒ The associate power of attorney in the prior application is to Thomas E. Kocovsky, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,383) and Brian G. Bemberick (Reg. No. 41,463), both of Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich and McKee, LLP. A copy of the associate power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
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